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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors participating in the Food Distribution Program

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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DATE: March 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Clarification of Approved USDA Foods Processor

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification to sponsors participating in the Food Distribution Program about contracting with companies who process USDA Foods. Federal regulations require that all purchases of goods and services using Child Nutrition Programs revenues must follow federal procurement regulations. Specifically, sponsors must adhere to a competitive procurement process. This is true for procurement of both commercial food products and end products produced through the further processing of USDA donated foods (hereinafter referred to as "end products").

To assist Food Distribution sponsors in meeting this requirement, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) completes procurement for processing USDA Foods. While the ADE will have a signed State Processing Agreement with the processors listed below making it allowable to utilize their services, they were not awarded a contract through the ADE Request for Proposal process.

- MCI Foods
- Advance Pierre Foods
- Chefs Corner Foods
- Basic American

If a sponsor diverts USDA Foods to any of the above processors for school year 2013-2014, then the sponsor must meet the federal procurement requirement. Following is a list of all the processors who were awarded a contract by ADE and the federal procurement requirement has been met.



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- American Food Group
- Ardella's
- Asian Food Solutions
- Boscors
- Buena Vista
- Cargill Kitchen Solutions
- Cargill Meat Solutions
- Conagra Foods, Inc.
- Conagra Foods - Lamb Weston Inc.
- Don Lee Farms
- East Side Entrees DBA ES Foods
- Fresh Innovation of California
- High Liner Foods Fishery Products
- Idahoan Foods
- Integrated Food Service
- J.R. Simplot Company
- Jennie O Turkey
- J.T.M. Provisions
- Land-O-Lakes
- Lings
- McCain Foods
- Michael Foods
- Mrs. Clarks Food
- Nardones Brothers Baking Company
- Out of Shell DBA Lings
- Pilgrim's Pride
- Quantum Foods
- Red Gold
- Rich Product Corp.
- S.A. Pizza
- Schwan's Food Service
- Tabatchnick Fine Foods
- Tasty Brands LLC
- Trident Seafood
- Tyson Prepared Foods
- Velmar Foods
- Wawona Frozen Food
- National Food Group-Micili

Thank you for your participation in the Food Distribution Program. If you have additional comments or concerns regarding this memorandum, please contact Emma Kitzman at (602) 364-1973 or at Emma.Kitzman@azed.gov.



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